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Attachments: (2022.3.3)_CL & DD 2022 REV MN Hg TMDL + Atts.pdf; (2022.3.3)_CL & Att 4_FDL.pdf

Hi Todd and Miranda,

Attached is the electronic Cover Letter and Decision Document for the 2022 Revision to the Minnesota Statewide Mercury TMDL. This document was signed by the Region 5 Water Division Director on 3/3/22.

I am also attaching one of R5's response letters to one of five tribes who participated in EPA's tribal consultation on this topic. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (MN), the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (MN), the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Tribe (MN), the Oneida Nation (WI) and the Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (i.e., Gun Lake Tribe) (MI) provided feedback to EPA during tribal consultation. EPA hosted call with Leech Lake, Mille Lacs and the Gun Lake Tribe on February 16, 2022. EPA received written comments from Fond du Lac on February 10, 2022, the Oneida Nation on February 22, 2022, Leech Lake on February 24, 2022, and Mille Lacs on February 25, 2022.

Also, EPA very much appreciates MPCA decoupling the 2022 Revisions to the Statewide Mercury TMDL from the final 303(d) submittal and sending the 2022 Revisions in earlier to EPA than has been done in the past. This effort will help EPA with our 303(d) workload later in the spring. Thank you!

If you require any additional follow up documentation or explanation on the submitted materials, please give me a call (312-353-8657).

Thank you for all of your hard work on the 2022 Revision to the Minnesota Statewide Mercury TMDL.

Have a nice afternoon,

- Paul

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